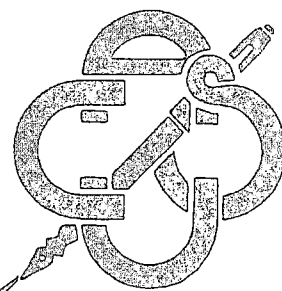


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## **CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

### **ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 1991 AT 6:30 P.M.  
IN THE HALL BUILDING, H-769 SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS CAMPUS**

#### **Documents Considered:**

<b>BD-121-D1</b>	<b>Joe Serruya's Strategic Space Plan Report</b>
<b>BD-121-D2</b>	<b>1990/91 Tentative Fin. Com Schedule and Board of Directors Meetings</b>
<b>BD-103-D3</b>	<b>Rules For Meetings</b>
<b>BD-103-D4</b>	<b>Proposal for a Micro Computer Facility</b>
<b>BD-103-D5</b>	<b>Letter Regarding Vacancies on the Board</b>

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Interim Chairperson, Eleanor Brown, called this meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

#### **PRESENT**

##### **CO-PRESIDENTS**

Eleanor Brown  
Charlene Nero

##### **ARTS AND SCIENCE**

Jennifer Dang-Tran  
Hernani Farias  
Kathy Fretz  
Victoria Rodriguez

**Wedne sday, April 10, 6:00 P.M.**

**COMMERCE**

Jennifer Kalman  
Nick Kaminaris (7:00 p.m.)  
Kerry Schacter  
Marc Tisseur

**ARTS AND SCIENCE**

Jamie Ross  
Michael Spowart  
Phil Toone  
Esther Vise (8:00 p.m.)

**ENGINEERING**

Kieran Hackett  
Frank Pathyil (7:00 p.m.)

**ABSENT**

Arts and Science: Sophie Desjardins (w/r), Christine Legault, Martin Chemagne, Heidi Modro, Etoile Stewart  
Commerce: Robin Chabot, Thomas Dowd (w/r), Jimmy Elenakis, Esmeralda Florio  
Engineering: Dave Pichmann  
Fine Arts: Cathy Balsitis, Kellie Coppin.

**3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

**MOTION TO APPOINT JARNO MAKKONEN AS INTERIM CHAIR**

Moved by: H. Farias  
Seconded by: V. Rodriguez

**VOTE ON MOTION**

**UNANIMOUS**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Agenda of the 121st Meeting of the Board of Directors be approved.

Moved by: V. Rodriguez  
Seconded by: J. Ross

M. Spowart asked to know if there will be information distributed to the directors regarding the ratification of the clubs. C. Nero requested a two minute recess to gather the Constitutions and the documents pertaining to these clubs.

VOTE ON MOTION

UNANIMOUS

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES****5.1 Approval of Minutes of the 120th meeting of the Board of Directors.**

Moved by: H. Farias

Seconded by: V. Rodriguez

VOTE ON MOTION

12/0/2 CARRIED

**6. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR**

J. Makkonen thanked everyone for the opportunity to chair this meeting. He also said that there is a document attached with the agenda on "Rules for Meetings" prepared by Maureen Bradley. The Chair advised the directors to read this document and to consult with some of the more experienced directors regarding technicalities.

**7.0 Co-Presidential Remarks**

C. Nero introduced E. Brown and herself to the Board. She said that she has spent weeks getting organized and is enthusiastic about the three new V.P.'s and that she is encouraged by their work so far. She also said that there are a lot of other strong applicants to interview for the remaining positions. C. Nero encouraged the directors to drop by the office to voice their opinions and/or complaints in order to open up the lines of communication within the office. She also said that she will be posting up permanent office hours next week.

E. Brown said that she attended a meeting with D. Boisvert and B. Counihan regarding the Capital Campaign which will seek to raise funds due to underfunding. She said that they came up with a list to improve services within the University and that if anyone has suggestions they are welcome to drop them off at the office. She also said that the whole idea is very fuzzy so far including the amount.

H. Farias asked to know how CUSA intends to deal with the fact that CUSA's thought for a fitness center at the new library has now been replaced with the construction of a parking space. C. Nero replied that the meeting did not address how students would contribute to the Capital Campaign.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1.A Ratification of WUSC

MOTION: 553

BE IT RESOLVED THAT WUSC be ratified and recognized as a CUSA group.

Moved by: J.D. Tran

Seconded by: C. Nero

C. Nero said that the process of ratification for WUSC has been satisfied and that their Constitution has been approved by Judicial Board. She also said that they are an active group.

K. Fretz said that WUSC has been active since September 1989 and that their Constitution has been submitted over a year and a half ago.

K. Huck said that they have been very active and enthusiastic, even without a budget. He also said that they have sponsor student refugees and give them a chance to obtain a higher education.

C. Nero said that WUSC's ratification has been brought up at least five times last year. She apologized to the Board for not having gathered all the documents together.

The Chair suggested that the documents be circulated and that the meeting proceed with the next item on the agenda.

MOTION TO TABLE WUSC UNTIL AFTER 8.1.C

Moved by: C. Nero

Seconded by: J. Ross

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE WUSC UNTIL AFTER 8.1.C

UNANIMOUS

8.1.B Ratification of Indigenous Peoples International

MOTION: 554

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Indigenous Peoples International be ratified and recognized as a CUSA group.

Moved by: H. Farias

Seconded by: J. D. Tran

J. D. Tran said that this group has been around for the past year and that they have held a lot of informative events concerning native rights.

J. Dales said that this group is mostly centered around Native People and that a lot of trips, events and articles in the Link have taken place. She also said that they organized film presentations at Mugshots and at the Simone de Bouvoir Institute.

M. Spowart said that he is disturbed by the potential of the active members to pick and choose who does the tasks of the group. E. Brown replied that the first copy of the Constitution to which he is referring to has been corrected.

P. Toone said that this group is not an hierarchical group and that they have well organized grass roots.

H. Farias asked to know what makes this group unique from all the others. J. Dales replied that its' aim is to provide solidarity and support to all Indigenous students of Concordia.

VOTE ON MOTION

13/0/1

CARRIED

8.1.C Ratification of the First Assembly of First Nations-Concordia

MOTION: 555

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly of First Nations-Concordia be Ratified and Recognized as a CUSA Group.

Moved by: C. Nero  
Seconded by: P. Toone

C. Nero said that their Constitution has been amended and that they have 10 letters of support from the administration and that it is time to expedite their ratification.

Robert Ottreys said that with no funding the group has been able to raise \$3000.00 to organize trips to native communities. He also said that the group has been active since last fall when the first reading of the Constitution was submitted. R. Ottreys said that complete changes were made in January 1991 due to the system of hierarchy within the guidelines of the manual. He also said that the group has been able to send 22 students to James Bay and that it has taken part in the First Nations issue in the Link.

R. Ottreys said that as a long term goal the group intends to look into implementing a Native Studies Program at Concordia.

D. Parent said that the History Department has been eager for a native studies course.

H. Farias asked to know if the group will be geared towards a Political or an Ethnic aspect. R. Ottreys replied that it will serve both and that to harmonize article 1.3 the word 'discrimination' only serves as a definition of the people they will be dealing with.

H. Farias said that this clause is a contradiction with CUSA's policies. R. Ottreys said that the group deals with issues regarding North American ancestry and that the membership article indicates who is a member.

V. Rodriguez said that the group is needed and that she has been fortunate to attend meetings they have organized as well as bus trips.

R. Ottreys said that any student who has paid their fees and dues is declared a member of the group.

#### MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION

Moved by: J. Ross  
Seconded by: H. Farias

VOTE ON MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION      11/3/1      CARRIED

VOTE ON MOTION      UNANIMOUS

(TIME: 7:30 p.m.)

#### 8.1.A Ratification of WUSC

Moved by: H. Farias  
Seconded by: M. Spowart

H. Farias said that the Board should take into consideration when ratifying the groups if there goals merit CUSA's grant of space and money. He also said that when the Board ratifies these groups CUSA should be prepared to make a commitment to them later on.

#### MOTION TO TABLE WUSC UNTIL T. TAYLOR ARRIVES

Moved by: C. Nero  
Seconded by: E. Brown

VOTE ON MOTION      UNANIMOUS

**9.1 CLOSED COMMITTEES- REMARKS**

C. Nero said that directors have to sit in on various closed committees and that most of these committees take up a lot of time and that directors have to be committed to them if they do decide to sit on them.

C. Nero said that the Finance Committee is among one of the most demanding since it requires the analysis of budgets and that a schedule of the meeting dates is attached with the agenda. She also said that rather than appoint people right away, it would be beneficial for the directors to take the schedule home and appoint these members at the next meeting.

M. Spowart asked if the dates aren't a bit excessive. D. Porter, V.P. Finance said that the User's Manual with all the guidelines for clubs to follow will be ready this month. He also said that the purpose of getting club budgets done sooner will be advantageous to everyone concerned come September.

C. Nero said that the Finance Committee has a Standing Order whereby they must meet weekly. She also said that there are only four additional dates on the schedule handed out.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Finance Committee consist of representation from the four faculties, in the form of two members from Arts and Science, two from Commerce one from ECA and one from Fine Arts.**

Moved by: M. Spowart  
Seconded by: N. Kaminaris

M. Spowart said that proper representation from the four faculties will be advantageous when it comes to negotiating for money from CASA and ECA.

**MOVE TO TABLE MOTION**

Moved by: C. Nero  
Seconded by: H. Farias

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Appointments to the Finance Committee, Steering Committee, Personnel Committee, and the Attendance and Review Committee be made at the next meeting to be held on May 1st, 1991.**

Moved by: C. Nero  
Seconded by: V. Rodriguez

**VOTE ON MOTION****UNANIMOUS**

**8.1.A Ratification of WUSC**

Moved by: J. D. Tran

Seconded by: C. Nero

T. Taylor said that WUSC was a very highly active group last year and that momentum was gained and lost due to inertia of last year's Board. She also said that they submitted a 13 page year-end report to last year's Board.

T. Taylor said that WUSC originally filed their constitution in October 1989 and that although they haven't been active this year, WUSC did start a refugee scholarship fund and received their first student this year. She also said that WUSC has managed to raise between \$2000-\$3000 through fundraising. T. Taylor said that it is imperative that WUSC get ratified in order to gain some momentum back.

(Time: 8:00 p.m.)

F. Pathyl asked to know how many people are presently active with WUSC and what their intentions are in terms of space. T. Taylor said that presently there are five active members and that ratification would entitle them to receiving a budget and hopefully office space to store their files.

H. Farias asked to know how WUSC in handling the technicality of fundraising, whereby CUSA collects all the funds first and then re-imburses it to the club. T. Taylor said that as long as fundraising is done with a goal in mind, then there shouldn't be any conflicts.

N. Kaminaris asked to know what some of WUSC's goals are. T. Taylor replied that WUSC's objective is to enlighten the Concordia community about events that take place in Africa and South America as well as to provide educational outreach about International Development and overseas projects. She also said that WUSC puts together seminars every year and refugee student programs.

J. Ross asked to know whether WUSC will continue their fundraising efforts, once ratification takes place. T. Taylor replied that it would.

**VOTE ON MOTION**

**17/0/1**

**CARRIED**

**9.2 Appointments To Personnel Committee**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Following Directors Be Appointed As Members of the Personnel Committee.**

Moved by: C. Nero

Seconded by: H. Farias



C. Nero said that so far a number of directors have been involved with the interviews for the executive positions. She also said that no breakdown of faculties has been used for these interviews and that this committee will require a broad commitment particularly in regards to job evaluations.

There were no objections when a straw vote was taken to determine whether labelling the appointments to the Personnel committee would interfere with the process of ratifying the V.P.'s.

**IN FAVOUR OF TABELLING MOTION**

**UNANIMOUS**

**9.3 Ratification of V.P. Finance**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Darren Henriet Be Ratified For the Position of V.P. Finance for the 1991-92 Term.**

Moved by: M. Spowart

Seconded by: E. Brown

E. Brown introduced D. Henriet to the Board and said that M. Spowart, P. Toone and herself reached a unanimous decision that D. Henriet was the most qualified candidate for the position.

D. Henriet said that he has had a lot of practical experience in regards to finances and that he has already put together the User's Manual. He said that he has worked as a business manager and as an operations manager and that he has had a great deal of exposure. He also said that he is familiar with cost analysis and the budgeting process.

(D. Henriet leaves the room)

(Time: 8:25 p.m.)

C. Nero objected to the candidate leaving the room and said that in order to expedite the process the Board should technically allow him to be present. The Chair replied that in the ratification process there is usually the interview process, a discussion and then a vote and that the Chair does not have the power to allow the candidate to be present during the discussion and the vote.

M. Spowart said that options are available and that there is no reason to have the candidate leave the room.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT All Candidates Remain in the Room For the Entire Process, Including the Discussion and the Vote.**

Moved by: N. Kaminaris

Seconded by: M. Tisseur

**VOTE ON MOTION**

**9/2/2**

**CARRIED**

(D. Henriet is allowed to enter the room)

N. Kaminaris asked D. Henriet how he intends on improving CUSA-CASA relations. D. Henriet said that negotiations with CASA will resume in regards to CASA paying up past dues.

F. Pathyl asked to know if cutbacks would be taking place in regards to club budgets. D. Henriet replied he is at the stage of familiarizing himself with old budgets and that club budgets will be monitored closely this year.

C. Nero said that D. Henriet has done a great deal of research and that he is identifying problem areas within CUSA.

H. Farias requested a secret ballot for the vote.

**VOTE ON MOTION BY SECRET BALLOT 14/0/1**

**CARRIED**

#### **9.4 Ratification of V.P. Communications**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Maureen Bradley be ratified for the position of V.P. Communications for the 1991-92 term.**

Moved by: C. Nero

Seconded by: J. Ross

C. Nero said that M. Bradley could not be present tonight and that her ratification could be postponed until the next meeting.

**VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE ITEM 9.4**

**9/3/2**

**TABLED**

#### **9.5 Ratification of V.P. Student Life**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Tamara Taylor be ratified for the position of V.P. Student Life for the 1991-92 Term.**

Moved by: J. Ross

Seconded by: M. Spowart

J. Ross said that T. Taylor was chosen to do the job and that she has had experience with the job.

H. Farias asked to know what she intends on doing about the closure of the Canada Employment Center. T. Taylor

said that she it is scheduled to close in six months time and that she is formulating a policy to preserve a Student Employment Center and that she is looking for a unified strong voice.

H. Farias asked to know what T. Taylor intends on doing in regards to the 10-12% loss in funds from the Emergency Loans. T. Taylor said that she was not aware that the number was this high, but that she will look into coming up with an effective solution.

H. Farias asked to know what T. Taylor intends on doing regarding the CCSL budget in respect to CUSA. T. Taylor replied that this is a difficult issue to look into because the budget is deemed confidential. She also said that she is in a difficult situation because students have a right to know the budget of CCSL.

C. Nero advised T. Taylor that in the coming year she should narrow her tasks and concentrate her efforts on CCSL and Student Life issues.

#### **MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION**

Moved by: M. Spowart  
Seconded by: S. Desjardins

**VOTE ON MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION** 12/1/2 **CARRIED**

H. Farias requested a secret ballot for the vote.

**VOTE ON MOTION BY SECRET BALLOT** 14/1/0 **CARRIED**

#### **9.6 Vacancies Within the Board of Directors**

Moved by: C. Nero  
Seconded by: J. Ross

C. Nero said that the main reason that she brought this motion forth is because she has received a letter from an individual from Fine Arts who is interested in becoming a director and that it is most difficult to recruit students from Fine Arts to take a stand on CUSA's Board. She also said that she has spoken to C. Sohan, a Judicial Board member and that he does not see a problem with this, since there is no CUSA mandate. C. Nero said that she had the legalities regarding Article 17.4 checked out by our lawyer and that perhaps it would be in the best interest of Judicial Board to rule on this issue.

H. Farias said that this could set a dangerous precedence since the individual's presence on this Board could be a deciding factor on motions. F. Pathyl agreed with H. Farias and said that CUSA should follow an exercise of democracy.

M. Spowart said that this motion goes against Article 17.4 and requires a 2/3 vote upon further ratification.

J. Serruya said that this individual would be voting on all policy motions even though he wasn't voted in on the Board. He also said that this individual could be in an indefinite period of time. H. Farias agreed with J. Serruya and said that there could be a risk of the motions becoming null and void.

#### MOTION TO TABLE ITEM 9.6 UNTIL MAY 29TH, 1991

Moved by: C. Nero  
Seconded by: K. Schacter

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE ITEM 9.6      12/3/0      TABLED

#### 9.7 Vacancies Within Judicial Board

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the \_\_\_\_\_ Vacancies Within Judicial Board Be Filled By \_\_\_\_\_ 1991.

Moved by: C. Nero  
Seconded by: H. Farias

C. Nero said that since no candidates have been recruited, it would be best to table this motion. There were no objections raised.

#### 9.8 Strategic Space Planning

Moved by: P. Toone  
Seconded by: C. Nero

P. Toone said that the reason that this motion is being brought forth is because of the University's decision to move departments to Loyola. He also said that this current issue has created friction among faculties and that different authoritative groups have been approached to obtain support, but that CUSA has not been approached. He also said that for these reasons, CUSA should take a stand, and should not support this decision.

C. Nero proposed that this motion be broken up into two parts:

- 1) Establishing an Ad Hoc Committee
- 2) J. Serruya's Report

There were no objections to splitting up the motion.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT An Ad Hoc Committee Be Formed to Study The Strategic Space Planning Proposal.**

Moved by: P. Toone

Seconded by: C. Nero

C. Nero said that this committee is not a closed committee of CUSA and that all volunteers interested in participating in it are more than welcome to, since there is no student committee involved in the Strategic Space Plan.

**MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION**

Moved by: M. Spowart

Seconded by: H. Farias

<b>VOTE ON MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION</b>	<b>8/3/4</b>	<b>CARRIED</b>
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<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	<b>14/0/1</b>	<b>CARRIED</b>
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The members who expressed interest on sitting on the Ad Hoc Committee were: C. Nero, N. Kaminaris, D. Parent, M. Spowart and J. Serruya.

**MOTION: 556**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT BD-D1 Regarding the Strategic Space Planning Proposal Be Adopted.**

M. Spowart objected to this proposal since it limits judgement and could create biasedness. J. Serruya said that due to time constraints, a submission had to be made by April 15 otherwise CUSA would not have had any response. He also said that it is not really a policy but rather a response to the Space Plan and that the reply also stated democratic principles such as: the final draft of the space plan would have to go before several elected bodies for discussion of academic repercussions.

P. Toone said that a CASA survey showed that 2/3 of students opposed this space plan and that CUSA should take a position.

H. Farias said it would be to CUSA's interest to adopt this proposal and that the Ad Hoc Committee is there to explore further possibilities.

**MOVE TO CLOSE THE SPEAKER'S LIST**

Moved by: N. Kaminaris

Seconded by: H. Farias

VOTE ON MOTION TO CLOSE THE SPEAKER'S LIST      11/1/1      CARRIED

VOTE ON MOTION      11/0/2      CARRIED

9.9      Computer Proposal

Moved by:      F. Pathyl  
Seconded by:      E. Brown

MOTION TO TABLE ITEM 9.9 UNTIL MAY 1ST, 1991

Moved by:      H. Farias  
Seconded by:      E. Brown


VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE ITEM 9.9      11/0/1      CARRIED  
UNTIL MAY 1ST, 1991

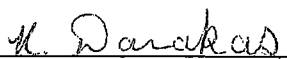
12.      ADJOURNMENT

MOVE TO ADJOURN

Moved by:      C. Nero  
Seconded by:      E. Brown

This meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

  
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J. Makkonen, Chairperson

  
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Helen Danankas, Secretary